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Application - 14 pages of Specification, 7 pages of Claims and 1 page of Abstract
 6 Sheets of informal drawing(s)
 Declaration (unexecuted)

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